# **Warren County**

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## Community Health Needs Assessment Snapshot

# **Promote Healthy Behaviors**

### Problems/Needs:

- Overweight/Obesity: Children
- Binge Drinking
- Cigarette Smoking
- Family Planning Services
- Overweight/Obesity: Adults

## **Prevent Injuries**

### Problems/Needs:

- Suicide Death Rate
- Motor Vehicle Accident rate

# **Protect Against Environmental Hazards**

### Problems/Needs:

- Hospitalizations due to Asthma
- Affordable, accessible and safe Housing

# **Prevent Epidemics and the Spread of Disease**

### Problems/Needs:

- Did not get flu vaccination adults
- Increase in Chlamydia infections

# Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies

### Problems/Needs:

None identified

## **Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure**

#### Problems/Needs:

- Stakeholders believe access to health care is available in Warren County but fails to meet needs adequately. Partners commented the access to health care is "Pretty good for children but need more for adults. Would like to see OB local."
- Lack of knowledge regarding behavioral health services
- Lack of available treatment for Level 1 services
- Lack of Elder/Adult Daycare
- Transportation to any service needed is a problem
- Need a central place to get information for services the public may be seeking regarding all aspects of health and wellness including physical, mental, sexual or spiritual needs together with potential financial resources which may assist a person/family in obtaining and utilizing these resources.

# Community Health Improvement Plan

| Goal  | Strategies  | Who is responsible?                             | When?<br>(Timeline) |
|---|---|---|---------------------|
| Reduce the Adult Obesity rate to 25-30% range from current 31-32%% range in Warren County | Partner with Iowa State Extension office to consider completing a walkability assessment of various communities in Warren County  | Public Health/WC<br>Extension office            | 12/1/11             |
|   | Collaborate with local chamber offices to survey Local businesses to collect information about current wellness programs run by employers in Warren County  | Public<br>Health/Local<br>Chamber offices       | 11/1/2011           |
|   | Explore more opportunities to work with local fitness centers to hold community events such as "Biggest Loser" competitions.  | Public Health                                   | 1/31/2012           |
|   | Introduce a "screening" type of event in at least two communities to assess BMI, Blood sugar, Blood Pressure and provide written materials with interventions to address any problem areas.   | Public Health and other CHNA-HIP partners       | 1/31/2012           |
|   | Explore the opportunity to expand the current locations and healthy food choices at local farmers markets   | CHNA HIP coalition                              | 1/31/2012           |
|   | Promote physical activity by working with local Parks and Recreation departments/citizen coalitions in our communities to offer low cost/no cost physical activities in each community.   | CHNA HIP coalition                              | 1/31/2012           |
|   | Offer additional nutrition education in our communities and through local employers to those who express an interest.   | Public<br>Health/CHNA HIP<br>coalition          | 1/31/2012           |
|   | Collaborate with local and state partners in attempt to have a NEMS (Nutrition Environment Measures Survey) completed in our county.  | CHNA HIP coalition                              | 1/31/2012           |
|   | Explore opportunities to apply for healthy communities grants for our communities for additional nutritional education, environmental enhancements, screenings or physical activity enhancements for the population of Warren County. | Public Health and<br>other CHNA-HIP<br>partners | 1/31/2012           |

|                                   |   | Who is            | When?      |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------|------------|
| Goal                              | Strategies  | responsible?      | (Timeline) |
| Increase the amount of physical   | Encourage and measure participation in the physical activity        | VERB Action       | 10/1/11    |
| activity in children in Warren    | program VERB in all Warren County communities during the            | Committee         |            |
| County to have an effect in       | summer of 2011.   |                   |            |
| lowering the overall obesity rate | Increase support for breastfeeding through introduction of a        | Public Health     | 1/31/2012  |
| in our county.                    | breastfeeding support program in Warren County                      |                   |            |
|                                   | Advocate for decreased screen time in schools and daycare           | Public Health -   | 1/31/2012  |
|                                   | centers by offering education regarding the benefits of limiting    | Child Care Nurse  |            |
|                                   | screen time for all children in their care including ideas for      | Consultant        |            |
|                                   | replacement activities for this time.                               |                   |            |
|                                   | Explore safe walk to school programs to introduce to our            | Public Health and | 1/31/2012  |
|                                   | communities, assist those who wish to pursue a walk to school       | CHNA HIP          |            |
|                                   | program with set up of such program if volunteers/funding is        | Coalition         |            |
|                                   | made available.   |                   |            |
|                                   | Place MyPyramid.gov, or like nutritional site link, onto the Public | Public Health     | 1/31/2012  |
|                                   | Health website and promote this on brochures, flyers etc.           |                   |            |
|                                   | Explore opportunities to apply for healthy communities' grants      | Public Health and | 1/31/2012  |
|                                   | for our communities for additional nutritional education,           | CHNA HIP          |            |
|                                   | environmental enhancements, screenings or physical activity         | Coalition         |            |
|                                   | enhancements for the population of Warren County.                   |                   |            |

|                               |  | Who is             | When?      |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|------------|
| Goal                          | Strategies   | responsible?       | (Timeline) |
| Increase Family               | Increase frequency of education in our community regarding           | Public Health      | 1/31/12    |
| Planning/Pregnancy Prevention | Contraception/Family Planning, Pregnancy/Birth, Safer Sex, Self-     | Department and     |            |
| resources in our Community to | Esteem, Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Life Options Skills            | other educators    |            |
| decrease teen pregnancy in    | through the use of already established education programs            |                    |            |
| Warren County.                | available to Warren County residents.                                |                    |            |
|                               | Provide nontraditional (out of Dr. office) site for accessibility to | Public Health      | 1/31/2012  |
|                               | safe and effective contraceptives for young men and women in         |                    |            |
|                               | Warren County.   |                    |            |
|                               | Work with the local Maternal Health and WIC providers to             | Public Health      | 1/31/2012  |
|                               | obtain information from young mothers regarding resources            | Maternal Program   |            |
|                               | they believe would be beneficial for them regarding Family           | Staff              |            |
|                               | Planning/Pregnancy Prevention.                                       |                    |            |
|                               | Create a brochure for home visiting programs to provide to           | CHNA HIP Family    | 1/31/2012  |
|                               | families with information regarding the educational and              | Planning/Pregnancy |            |
|                               | contraceptive resources in our communities.                          | Prevention Sub     |            |
|                               |  | group              |            |